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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following reference:

U.S. Patent No. 6,283,692 B1, Perlov et al.

This reference is also listed on the accompanying
Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449).

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
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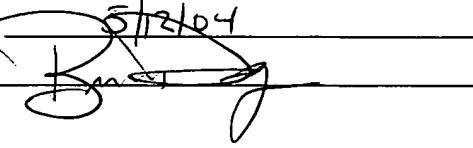
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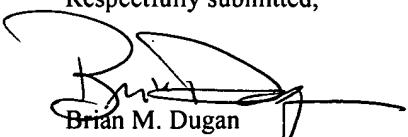
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